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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 20, Cornhill. GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BAKER, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAKEL DRAUGH & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROBERT, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BANK & BLOOM, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HENDERSON & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—SAYLE, CAMERON & CO. Amoy, Wilson, Nicholls & Co. Foochow, Hides & Co. Shanghai, Lane, Crawford & Co. Yokohama, Lane, Crawford & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, 850,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—H. HOPKINS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
W. E. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. H. FORBES, Esq. Ed. TOBIN, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
London, BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT MENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

Authorized by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd Day of the 9th Moon, of 111 Year of Kwong-Su, (Oct. 8, 1877.)

21,604,276. 0. 10 STOKK.
In Bonds of £100 EACH.

Bearing Interest from 31st December, 1877, the first Coupon of £1.68 being payable on the 28th February, 1878, and Coupons of £2. being payable thereafter on 28th August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the last Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.
The Bonds are redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by half-yearly drawings.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LONDON, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. 81, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276.0.10 of 5 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of 98 per cent. payable as follows:—
40 per cent. on application.
40 " allotment.
20 " 15 days after allotment.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 28th February and 28th August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for £1.68 for interest from 31st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878, will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £2. will be payable thereafter on 28th August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within seven years (1884) by Thirteen half-yearly Drawings of £114,600 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,676.0.10, being paid off on 14th June, 1884.
The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 28th August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Banks.

Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Peking, according to a despatch from the British Consul at Shanghai, dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs Revenue of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton, Ningbo, and Hankow—the four Ports which have the largest Customs Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £6,560,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of the Loan. These Customs Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs Duties.

The Customs Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent, will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 81, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and Manila will be received, and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due on allotment.

Scrap Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts and Bonds to Bearer, whereby will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

To THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £.....

of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated

upon which I have paid the Deposit of

pounds, being at the rate of £10 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

Date..... 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

Received this..... day of

1877, from..... pounds, being the sum of.....

of Bonds of the above Loan.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

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For Sale. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. INVITE ATTENTION TO THE DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES. WORK BOXES. SCRAP BOOKS. PRESENTATION INKSTANDS. PIN TOILET SETS. STATUETTES. Handsomely Bound GIFT BOOKS. FRENCH DOLLS. PUZZLES.

THE NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS, including ZOO SURPRISE CRACKERS. POP THE QUESTION. REGALIA COSAQUES.

ORIENTAL COSTUMES. LE BAL MASQUE. ELIXIR OF LOVE.

MINOR MEAT. ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. BLOOM MUSCATELS. FRENCH JAMS.

A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY EVER IMPORTED.

SACCONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices. PURE PORT. LIQUEURS. CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY. Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

STENDERS and FIRE IRONS. Superior California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES, from 400 lb. to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA CARPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS. HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

GUNWADS, PERCUSSION CAPS. STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

FRESH APPLES, and LEMONS.

SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

MACKEREL, TONGUES and SOUNDS.

Family PIG PORK, and Prime Moss BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELLIES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cuttings of JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned, Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CHOICE & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask, (BANDOL), Superior Quality.

BAHAGAT PERRY'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.

BASE PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAVINIER, in Pints and Quarts.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

Further Notice, the MACAO STEAMER will leave Hongkong at 1.30 p.m., and Macao at 7.30 a.m.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 7, 1877.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.

In H. M. PROVISIONAL COURT AT AMOY.

In the matter of proceedings for Liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors initiated by JOHN DODD and CRAWFORD DAVISON KERR, trading under the Style of DODD & Co., at Amoy and Tamsui.

NOTICE is hereby given that a First MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Persons has been summoned to be held at Messrs DODD & Co.'s Office, Amoy, on the 29th day of December instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1877.

JOHN DODD, CRAWFORD D. KERR, by his Attorney, J. DODD.

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A MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

September 18, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANFOO. The Steamship "HAILONG." Captain J. C. ASSOCI, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, December 8, 1877. deli

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "ARGYLE." D. SCOTT, Commander, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JALDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1877. deli

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "JAPAN." Captain H. DE SMIDT, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 4, 1877. deli

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA." Comdt. ROLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail, expected on or about the 13th Inst.

H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TRAUADY." Comdt. GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

NOTICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For COOKTOWN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND Ports.

The Company's Chartered Steamer "OCEAN." JOHN C. JACQUES, Commander, will load for the above Ports, and be despatched on or about December 26th, 1877.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

FOR YLOILO. The British Brig "HIBERNIA." KOCK, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Hongkong, December 8, 1877. deli

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Schooner "UNION." MENDOZA-VALDIVIA, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT). The A 1 British Clipper Bark "KATE GARNIE." JAMES WILSON, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co., Hongkong, November 26, 1877.

FOR BANGKOK. The A 1 German Bark "MARGARET." THIESEN, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WILDER & Co., Hongkong, December 8, 1877. deli

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The Brit. S.M. Schooner "SHE BELL." Captain ROSE, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BOF KEE & Co., Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR DUNEDIN (N. Z.). The A 1 German Bark "MARIE." Capt. BURMEISTER, will load here for the above Port, and have a quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong, November 14, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 British Bark "EMPEROR." Capt. SKINNER, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 American Bark "GOLDEN RUSSETT." RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "MORRO CASTLE." JENNETT, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load at this Port as above and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to OLYPHANT & Co., Hongkong, December 1, 1877. deli

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 French Bark "ANGEL." Captain BARREYRON, will take Freight at moderate rates, and have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

FOR BATAVIA AND SAMARANG. The German Ship "GUSTAV & MARIE." having a great portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to BRANDAO & Co., Hongkong, November 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barkentine "SAMOS." C. H. BRYAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1877. deli

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "T. A. GODDARD." A. F. SMITH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, November 20, 1877. deli

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON. The A 1 British Ship "ONIDA." S. CHYMA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Clipper Ship "OILUNUM." SHREWBURY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 17, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "COLORADO." ENGRAM, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 8, 1877.

FOR HONOLULU. The A 1 American Ship "CHARTE OAK." STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 3, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH." DENNETT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The * A 1 100 years splendid British Clipper Ship "SYDNEHAM." A. MILLAR, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

Intimations.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.
RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING CO.,
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
[11] NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

APRINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wheeler & Co.
CLYDE, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wheeler & Co.
COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.
KATE GARNIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melchers & Co.
BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bates.—Russell & Co.
CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FORMOSA, German S.M. schooner, Capt. Schwaer.—Melchers & Co.
ABOYLE, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ROBERTSON HAY, British barque, Captain F. H. Nicolson.—Chinsee.
RAJANATHANUR, British ship, Capt. Geo. T. Hopkins.—Stimson & Co.
PARACCA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adams, Ball & Co.
ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at this risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. DU POUY,
Agent.

Ex Amatores.
S. P. Order, 72 bags Stones, from Madras.
Ex Anadyr.
E. J. D. No. 1, 1 case Merchandise, from Amoy.

Ex Djinnah.
M. T. No. 786, Mr. Mathison, 1 case Fire Arms, from Marseilles.
W. G. S. No. 17, Mr. G. W. Scott, 7 cases Wine, from Marseilles.
Mr. J. Ridley, 1 case Effects, from Formosa.
London.
Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, &c.

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,
Late Manager of the NEWCASTLE IRON WORKS, Hongkong.
WM. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. [10]

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. "GALATHEA" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d Jan. 1878, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe. Consignation is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st January 1878. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A RESOLUTION is made on RETURN Passes Tickets.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMERY, Agent.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. [10]

To-day's Advertisements.

THE LAOU-TI-KU HAIR WASH.

THIS Hair Wash has been prepared by us for the last 15 years. Its sale is steadily increasing in India, the Straits, and Japan. It possesses all the qualities of a Hair Oil or Pomade without their disadvantages. It induces a healthy action of the scalp and nourishes the Hair. Dandruff never appears whilst it is in use. It contains none but the best ingredients and the greatest care is taken in the compounding. When the Hair falls off after fever or any other sickness this Wash will surely prove of the greatest value. From its great nourishing powers on the follicles it may in time cause Hair to return to its natural color; it however, does not contain a particle of any dyeing ingredient. Using it constantly will most certainly prevent the Hair falling. It is cleanly in use, the smallest quantity sufficing. It has no sediment therefore requires no shaking.

Prepared only by
J. LLEWELLYN & Co.,
Operative Chemists, Shanghai;
And sold by
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong,
Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

NOTICE.

CLAIMS against the S. S. NEMESIS for short delivery of Cargo, &c., will not be recognized by the Underigned unless the same be presented on or before the 15th instant.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents S. S. Nemesis.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. del5

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 78.

CHINA SEA.

YANZEE RIVER—SEANGHAI DISTRICT.
"Lismore" Wreck Light.

NOTICE is hereby given that the "Lismore" Wreck Sorew-Pile Tower will be removed as soon as practicable in consequence of the rapid deepening of the water around its foundations.

A fixed Red Light will be shown from the tower as long as possible. On the discontinuance of this light a Red Light and a White Light underneath it will be exhibited from a small junk moored about 400 feet to the N. 22° 30' E. of the present tower.

Woosung Lighthouse.

In consequence of the removal of the above-mentioned Lighthouse, the Red sector of light, formerly exhibited from the Woosung Lighthouse, and over the port side of the channel on entering, will be returned.

This Light will therefore show:—
White between the bank of the Yangtze to the westward of the Lighthouse and S. 5° 15' E.
Green between S. 5° 15' E. and S. 53° 45' W.

White between S. 53° 45' W. and S. 70° 30' W., and
Red between S. 70° 30' W. and the left bank of the Woosung River.
The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,
DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, December 6, 1877. del7

Charters Elected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

German bark Coquette, 281, hence to Saigon, \$450 in full.
German bark Mikado, 330, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,400 in full, 20 lay days.
Italian bark Bianca Portica, 666, hence to Tournon, \$1,400 in full, 30 lay days.
German bark C. R. Bishop, 698, Manila to London or Liverpool, or to New York, private.

British ship Hawkebury, 1175, Manila to New York, private.
British bark Paracca, 484, Manila to London or Liverpool, private.
British steamer Marcia, 1060, hence to Saigon and back, \$6,100 in full, 14 lay days.

German steamer Cassandra, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 24 cents per piul.
German steamer Atalanta, 782, hence to Saigon and back, 2 or 4 voyages, 24 cents per piul.

German steamer Altona, hence to Saigon and back, 8 voyages, 29 cents per piul.
British steamer Marcia, 1,060, monthly charter 6 months, private.
French bark St. Adresse, 622, hence to San Francisco, private.

Danish ship Doris Broderesen, 547, cleared for Rangoon under orders from B. H. H.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.

Dec. 8, Atsuy, British steamer, 814, Drowes, Shanghai Dec. 6, General.—Stimson & Co.

Dec. 8, Hankow, Chinese steamer, 888, J. B. Boswell, Shanghai Dec. 6, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 9, Lapwing, British gun vessel, Sir W. Wiseman, Shanghai Dec. 4.

Dec. 9, Kiki, British brig, 187, Wilken, Chiofoo Nov. 30, General.—Meyers & Co.

Dec. 9, Washi, British steamer, 268, Hunter, Haiphong Dec. 4, Rice and Gambier.—LAWRENCE & Co.

Dec. 10, Petho, French steamer, 3180, Lecloutre, Shanghai Dec. 7, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Dec. 10, Madagascar, German steamer, 882, Timm, Shanghai Dec. 6, General.—SIMPSON & Co.

Dec. 10, 1.30 p.m., Annie S. Hall, American barkentine, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, Newchwang via Swatow Dec. 9, 10 a.m., Seana.—CAYTAN.

Dec. 10, H.M.S. Audacious, from a cruise.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 9, Namoa, for Coast Ports.
9, Amoy, for Canton.
9, 17, Corea de Vries, for Holhow.
9, Helcon, for Holhow.
9, Fuyang, for Shanghai.
9, Conquest, for Canton.
9, Hankow, for Canton.
10, H.M.S. Audacious, for a cruise.
10, H.M.S. Curlew, for a cruise.
10, Belgic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
10, Rajanathianur, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Wealthy Feindton, for Koolung.
Hailong, for Coast Ports.
Washi, for Haiphong.
Roderick Hay, for Bangkok.
Three Brothers, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Peiho, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs D. J. D. B. Stillman, L. Hood, J. Joseph, F. B. Johnson, W. Laurence, Angelo, R. P. Hulgens, T. Barry, J. Hall, Revd. Mr. Dallet, 11 Chinese, and 1 Indian; for Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Tolve and 4 children; M. le Comte de Fourtals and wife, Messrs J. Davis, W. Kennedy, J. Bracklandage, P. Simpson, Black, and 6 Chinese.
Per Amoy, from Shanghai, Mrs Williams, and 103 Chinese.
Per Hankow, from Shanghai, 1 European deck, and 4 Chinese.
Per Annie S. Hall, from Newchwang, 3 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Namoa, for Amoy, Rev. Mr. D. M. Talmage; for Taiwan, Mr. L. S. Snel; for Foochow, Mr. H. E. Taylor.
Per Belgic, for Yokohama, 3 Chinese, and 1 Japanese; for San Francisco, Mrs Marshall, and 155 Chinese.
Per Fuyang, for Shanghai, 45 Chinese.
Per Conquest, for Canton, 85 Chinese.
Per W. Corea de Vries, for Holhow, 1 European, and 35 Chinese.
Per Rajanathianur, for Shanghai, 4 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Hailong, for Amoy, &c., 180 Chinese.
Per Washi, for Haiphong, 10 Chinese.
Per Roderick Hay, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.
Per Three Brothers, for Quinhon, 70 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Had fresh monsoon and fine weather as far as the Lammoo, remainder of passage strong breeze. Passed P. & O. S. S. Bombay off Oakes Island.

The Chinese steamer Hankow reports: Moderate Northerly winds throughout the passage.
The British gun vessel Lapwing reports: Strong N.E. monsoon throughout the passage.

The British brig Kiki reports: S.E. winds and rain from 36 hours, then N.W. and N.E. breezes to Shanghai Promontory, when experienced calm for 12 hours, and remainder of passage strong N.E. monsoon.
The British steamer Washi reports: Strong Easterly winds and heavy head sea across the Gulf of Tonquin, through the Hainan Straits on the 8th instant had smooth water on the western side, but heavy ground swell on the eastern side; remainder of passage strong N.E. monsoon.

The German steamer Madagascar reports: Fine weather, and moderate N.E. monsoon.
The American barkentine Annie S. Hall reports: Fresh monsoon and thick cloudy weather.

CARGO.

Per American barque Abiel Abbott, Hongkong to New York, sailed 29th Nov., 1877:—4,462 rolls Matting, 1,535 half-chests Oolong, 800 half-chests Pouchong, and 125 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close.

For QUINHON.—
Per Barque THREE BROTHERS, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALOUTTA.—
Per ARGYLE and JAPAN, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For HONOLULU.—
Per Barque H. N. CARLETON, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SOUBAY.—
Per Brig OARE, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For ILOILO.—
Per Brig HIRONIMUS, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per MAROFA, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

For YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per CITY OF TOKIO, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY NEW FRANK PACET.—
The French Consular Packet PEIHO will be dispatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th December, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 12th December.—
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 13th December.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office closes entirely.

Hongkong, November 29, 1877. del5

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight—Hailong leaves for Swatow, &c.
3 p.m.—Argyll leaves for Singapore, &c.
3 p.m.—Japan leaves for Singapore, &c.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 13.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, December 14.—
3 p.m.—Heronimus leaves for Yloilo.

Transfer Books of the H. K. & C. Gas Co., Limited, closed from this date to 27th instant, inclusive.

FRIDAY, December 21.—
1 p.m.—Regatta commences.

SATURDAY, December 22.—
Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, December 26.—
Ocean leaves for Cooktown, &c., on or about this date.

MONDAY, December 31.—
Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings, at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Praya.

Normally leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, January 2.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, January 15.—
Claims against the Estate of James Smith Ferris, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

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BIRTH.

At Pootung, on the 2nd December, the Wife of C. C. GRAM, of Imperial Customs, of a Daughter.

At Kobe, Japan, on the 23rd November, the Wife of C. LILLIS, Esq., of a Son.

DEATH.

At the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 1st December, Mr. DANIEL WARD, of Newburgh, New York.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 10, 1877.

HOWEVER much the Chinese Government may be to blame for its stubborn opposition to the introduction of railways into the country, by which, and the improvement of other means of communication, the terrible distress arising from famine could be readily alleviated, yet it must be admitted that the Peking authorities have, on the present occasion, exerted themselves to a very laudable extent to relieve the present and prospective sufferings in Shanai, Honan and Chihli.

In our previous article on this subject we pointed out that grants had been made from official sources, amounting in all to the respectable sum of Tls. 847,000, exclusive of enormous supplies of grain, and the proceeds of the sale of some two thousand official titles, for which occasionally very handsome sums are paid.

In making these grants of money the Chinese Government has not forgotten that they are only the means to an end, and large supplies of grain have been hurried by land and water in the direction of the affected districts.

The N. C. D. News refers to a large number of the vessels of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, loaded with grain, being detained at Woosung, while memorials in the Peking-Gazette detail efforts that are being made by the provincial officials to get the grain transported across the country. It has been stated that the Chinese Government takes the grain to Hienan and other centres far away from the places where it is required, and trusts to private enterprise for its transportation to Shanai and Honan. That this is not altogether correct is shown by the statements of the Reverend Arnold Foster, who states that during his recent visit to Shanai, he met large quantities of grain being transported across the mountains bordering that province, and was told the work was being performed by the orders of Li Hung Chang. The memorials in the Peking Gazette also indicate that the provincial authorities are taking upon themselves the work of transportation.

It is estimated that the cost of conveying the grain to Shanai will be far more than its market price. Shanai is described as consisting of two elevated valleys, divided from one another and the plains of Chihli by formidable

mountain barriers. The difficulties of getting supplies into the province during the present winter will be enormous. Although not perhaps a very gratifying circumstance to the people of Shanghai, yet, in one sense, it is extremely satisfactory to learn that crowds of the unfortunate people from the famine-stricken districts are already making their way in the direction of the "Model Settlement." We say this is a satisfactory circumstance because it will at least save the labour of transporting the grain to these refugees. The principal objection to their descent upon places is that they pilfer as they go, but probably these practices arise from necessity, and will cease with a supply of food.

THE Japan papers reproduce the third annual report of the Commissioner of the Imperial Japanese Mint at Osaka, and a few facts respecting the operations of the establishment during the year ended on the 30th June last may be interesting to Hongkong readers. In gold coin, 214,218 pieces were struck; of the total value of 1,066,714 yen; also 29,186,676 silver coins; worth in all 5,717,954 yen, and 85,136,117 copper coins, equal in value to 1,106,175 yen. No less than 114,586,021 coins were thus issued from the Mint during the year in question, reaching a total value of 7,890,843 yen.

Although all the different gold coins (with the exception of 2 yen gold) have been struck, still the number of 20, 10 and 1 yen pieces is so small, that it may be said the coinage of gold has been confined principally to 5 yen pieces.

All the subsidiary silver coins have also been struck (excepting 60 sen pieces); the number of trade dollars is also very great; and owing to the enormous importations of bar silver, the working hours in each Department had to be extended from sunrise to midnight, instead of the usual 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The largest yield of dollars in one month was over 700,000.

All the different denominations of copper coins have been struck, excepting 1 sen pieces, of which none have been made.

The total value of coins struck at the Mint (gold, silver and copper) from its commencement up to the present year, inclusive, amounts to yen 77,496,226, which is 2,211,100 yen per head, taking the population of Japan to be 38,000,000.

Sulphuric Acid Works are also carried on in connection with the Mint. The results of the operations during the year are as follows:—

Consumed in this country	802,612 lbs.
Exported abroad	1,220,794
Total amount sold	1,823,406
Monthly average	161,950.60 lbs.
Of last year	81,373.83
Difference	80,576.67

Of the quantity exported, 958,776 lbs. were sent to the China Market, and it is stated that the demand for the commodity both at home and abroad is increasing.

Of the several counterfeit coins examined, consisting wholly of trade dollars and subsidiary coins, all excepting one, were found to be manufactured with tin only. The extraction of the gold and silver from the vast quantity of ashes, old crucibles, and furnace refuse, which has accumulated since the commencement of the Mint, is recommended. This material now amounts to several hundred tons.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(By Southern Route.)

LONDON, 7th Dec., 1877.

The latest news from France is that M. Dufaure has undertaken to form a new Ministry.

THE WAR.

The capture of Elena by Suleiman Pacha from the Hain Boghaz and Silevo passes from a Russian attack. Suleiman Pacha with a Turkish Army Corps is now advancing upon Timova; the Turks have occupied Popkol and Kresova.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Audacious and H.M.S. Curlew went out for gun practice this forenoon.

We learn from the agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S. S. Glenlivet left Singapore for this port yesterday, and that the State of Alabama left that port on Saturday last.

A letter from Macao says:—The transport Africa arrived yesterday, bringing soldiers for the garrison and the Tjo. Baron and Baroness do Cereal are among the passengers.

A yacht match will be sailed to-morrow (Tuesday) over the western harbour course. Start at ten o'clock, three times round. Time allowance thirty seconds per ton. Prizes, 1st \$40, 2nd \$10. Natch, Naomi, Waw and Ariel have entered, and we hope there will be a good sailing breeze.

Notice is given in the Government Gazette that the exequatur empowering Mr. H. Seymour Geary to act as Consul for Peru in Hongkong received Her Majesty's signature on the 13th September last, and that Mr. Geary has reported his arrival and has entered on the duties of his office.

In the Police Court last Saturday, Tsang Aso, the head messenger at the General Post Office, was charged with embezzling the postage on four letters that came into the Post Office from the steamer Argyll on Japan, which arrived on the 27th November last. The defendant, who pleaded that

the accusation against him by the Postmaster General was false, was remanded till to-morrow; bail was refused.

So far as we have yet heard, no steps have been taken to inaugurate a subscription here in aid of the starving millions of Shanai and Chihli. A list, we observe, has been opened at Shanghai, and already fairly filled up. Who will start that for Hongkong? A Ladies' Bazaar is talked of, which is creditable to those concerned; but that will occupy many fair fingers for at least a couple of months, and the miserable peasants are dying now with cold and hunger.

The Band of the 23rd Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.:—

March,.....Glostershire Lass,.....Waters.
Potpourri,.....Glostershire Lass,.....Verdell.
Valse,.....A Toot,.....Walden.
Canzone,.....Marco Venturo,.....Petrilli.
Gd. Selection,.....Mars in Egypt,.....Scasini.
Russian,.....Pas des Patineurs,.....Godfrey.
Dance,.....

Mr. J. Russell, Coroner, in forwarding the official returns of names, &c., of persons killed and wounded by the Yezo explosion, gives all the details which he has been able to ascertain. The documents show that of the 86 deaths resulting from the explosion—87 are known to have been passengers, 6 were not identified, 9 were of the crew, 13 were boat-people, and 22 were boarding

